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FOR NEA/EX AND MED FROM BYROADE

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SUBJECT: MEDICARE FACILITIES IN PAKISTAN

REF: STATE 125207

1. PRIOR TO RECEIPT ABOVE REFTEL, DR. MILTON AND I HAD VISUALLY INSPECTED APARTMENT AREA TO BE UTILIZED FOR OUR MEDICAL UNIT. WE HAD CONCLUDED THAT THE COMBINATION OF THE THREE BEDROOM AND TWO BEDROOM APARTMENTS SELECTED IN WASHINGTON WAS NOT THE BEST CHOICE AND I WAS IN PROCESS OF GETTING OFF A MESSAGE ON THIS WHEN REFTEL ARRIVED.

2. IN THE MEETING DESCRIBED REFTEL, STATEMENT WAS MADE THAT FOUR BEDROOM APARTMENTS WERE ONLY ON THE THIRD FLOOR. THIS IS NOT THE CASE. WE, THEREFORE, BELIEVE BEST COMBINATION IS TO USE THE END FIRST FLOOR FOUR BEDROOM (ACTUALLY FIVE BEDROOMS) APARTMENT IN THE LARGER APARTMENT BUILDING, AND THE ADJOINING TWO BEDROOM APARTMENT, WHICH IS ON THE SAME FLOOR LEVEL. THIS COMBINATION WILL SERVE TO GIVE US BETTER AND MORE SPACE, AND CAN BE MADE MORE ACCESSIBLE TO DRIVEWAY AND PARKING SPACE. IT IS OUR THOUGHT THAT MOST OF THE MAJORE EQUIPMENT SHOULD GO IN THE FOUR BEDROOM UKQT AND THAT THE KITCHEN THEREOF WOULD BE LEFT AS A KITCHEN.

3. FINAL JUDGMENTS CANNOT BE MADE OF COURSE UNTIL WE KNOW EQUIPMENT WE WILL RECEIVE AND ITS SPACE REQUIREMENTS. OUR PRESENT THOUGHT, HOWEVER, IS TO RETAIN AN OUT-PATIENT
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TYPE DISPENSARY IN ITS PRESENT LOCATION IN THE CHANCERY

BUILDING, BUT MOVING THE LABORATORY FROM ITS PRESENT LOCATION THERE TO THE APARTMENT UNITS. THIS HAS SOME DISADVANTAGES, BUT WOULD HAVE A DISTINCT ADVANTAGE OF KEEPING THE RATHER LARGE DAILY FLOW OF AMERICAN AND LOCAL EMPLOYEE OUT-PATIENTS OUT OF THE APARTMENT AREA.

4. AS FAR AS FBO IS CONCERNED WE DO NOT VISUALIZE ANY EXTENSIVE ALTERATIONS, AND DO NOT BELIEVE AT THIS STAGE THAT IT WOULD BE ANYTHING BEYOND LOCAL GSO CAPABILITIES. IT WOULD MEAN, HOWEVER, ABANDONING PLANS TO PUT A TENNIS COURT IN FRONT OF THE MARINE HOUSE AND CONVERT THAT AREA INTO A PAVED PARKING SPACE NEXT TO THE MEDICAL UNIT. AN OPEN PARKING SPACE THERE WOULD HAVE SOME ADVANTAGE INCIDENTALLY, IN ADDITION TO USERS OF THE MEDICAL FACILITIES. OTHER SITES FOR TENNIS COURTS ARE AVAILABLE.

5. MILLER OF FBO HAS BEEN CONSULTED AND HAS NO OBJECTION OUR TENTATIVE PLANNING.
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